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League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area

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Ms. Jocelyn G. Boyd, Chief Clerk/Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Carolina Business Park, Saluda Building
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia SC 29210

Dear Ms. Boyd:

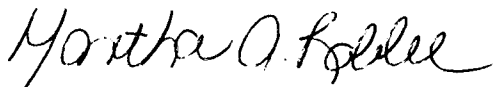
Re: SC PSC Docket No. 2008-196-E SCE&G future rates

The League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area ("League") requests that South Carolina Electric and Gas Company ("SCE&G") and the Office of Regulatory Staff be required by the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("PSC") to include estimates of the forthcoming post-construction consumer electricity rate increases in future documentation they file as part of Docket 2008-196-E for the new AP1000 nuclear reactors under construction at the V.C. Summer Nuclear Generating Station. The documentation should include both the filing of the amended schedules and cost increases anticipated to be filed at the end of March 2015 by SCE&G, as well as subsequent requests to be filed under the Baseload Review Act (BLRA).

Currently, the estimates of the annual BLRA rate increase cover financing costs only. All future filings should also include an estimate of the post-construction consumer electricity rates as those rates include capital costs, the most significant expense of the project. In reviewing such future BLRA-related filings, the PSC should ensure rate payers in the SCE&G service area are fully aware of the long-term rate impact of the nuclear construction project, especially given the schedule delays and costs increases now facing the project.

As SCE&G is a public utility serving South Carolina, the League feels strongly that its customers deserve full disclosure of any upcoming rate increases associated with the construction of the new nuclear reactors both for transparency and to enable customer decisions regarding investments in energy efficiency and conservation and the impact on household budgets.

Sincerely,



Martha Roblee, President
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Cc: Ms. Nikiya Hall, Chairman, SC Public Service Commission; Senator Thomas C. Alexander, Chairman, Senate Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee; Representative William E. Sandifer, Chairman, House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee

